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BRIEFS

SOUTH AFRICANS TO TOUR US BLACK BUSINESSES

On October 9, 1990, a delegation of 120 black South and Southern African businesspersons and community leaders will arrive in New York for a five city tour of the United States.

The purpose of the mission is twofold: to begin liaisons with African American businesspersons to explore future business relationships and to provide the delegates with afrocultural experience. Many activities are planned both in New York and in New Jersey during the four days of their visit. This is an historic event because it marks the first time that a newly developing African business community is seeking business relationships with black America.

For further information on events, sponsorship of events of information on how you can help, call the African American/Black South African business interest group at (201) 623-6246.

PUBLIC MEETING FOR CHAPTER 2 GRANTS

The Newark Board of Education will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 5:30 pm, in the 10th floor board conference room at 2 Cedar Street, to discuss federal, state, and in the 10th floor board conference room at 2 Cedar Street, to discuss federal, state, and local partnership in Chapter 2 Educational Improvement Act funding.

The purpose of the meeting is seek input and recommendations on how to utilize these grant funds to best serve the students of the district. However, the meeting will not discuss specific awarding of Chapter 2 funds.

Parents, teachers and administrators of the Newark public school district are encouraged to attend. For further information, contact Mrs. Gail B. Savage, Coordinator, Division of Grants Development, 733-6437.

Can the press "Do the right thing?"

Does the media perpetuate negative stereotypes, behave insensitively to gays and aggravate racial tensions by pandering to marketplace demand? Three journalists writing in the July/August issue of Columbia Journalism Review on "Can the Press Do the Right Thing" say yes.

"News accounts based on fact that present blacks in a persistently negative light" subtly

reinforce racial stereotypes, says African-American journalist Linda Wright Moore, columnist for the Philadelphia Daily News, in "How Your News Looks to Us."

Citing as a prime example the recent publication of The Des Moines Register of a first-person account by a rape victim — a white victim of a black rapist — she says, "If I had been involved

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Efforts to raise census numbers fall short

Plainfield, N.J.—Mayor Harold W. Mitchell announced the Saturday block party on July 21 gained about 100 more residents for the city's 1990 census count, but officials are still a long way from reaching the goal of counting 50,000 people. City officials base their expectations of a 50,000 population count on their belief that poor neighborhoods were undercounted in the 1980 Census, and on a large influx of Hispanics since then. The purpose of the block party was to try and

reach the Hispanic population in the Central Neighborhood of the City of Plainfield and get them counted.

If the City reaches the 50,000 mark, more federal funds will be available for roads, schools, and medical services. But hopes of reaching this mark are in danger of being defeated by the residents' fears of their landlords, immigration agents and welfare workers obtaining the information. However, the law (Title 13 of the United States Code) does not allow

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The New Journal of Civilization

Kenyan "miracle" anti-AIDS drug ignored by western media

The journeyed, they explored, and now they are returning to report on the new anti AIDS drug - KEMRON, developed in Kenya by Dr. Davy K. Kooch - Director of the Kenyan Medical Research Institute, and his distinguished colleague, Dr. Arthur Obel - Chief Medical Research Officer

and Technical Services Coordinator of the facility.

Renowned media personality Gary Byrd of radio station WLIB, noted physician Dr. Barbara Justice and respected Videographer Minister Clemson Brown of Trans Atlantic Productions - all specialists in their fields - de-

parted Kennedy International Airport on Wednesday - July 25, 1990, destination Nairobi, Kenya. The journey would take them on a fact finding mission to examine first hand, the reports out of Africa, of an effective treatment for the deadly AIDS virus.

According to Dr. Barbara (Continued on page 6)

Plainfield swears in 13 new officers

Acting Plainfield Police Chief John F. Driscoll announced that thirteen (13) Police Officer Candidates were sworn in by Mayor Harold Mitchell on Thursday, Aug. 9, 1990 in the City Hall Library.

The other two Candidates, Jerome C. Carden, Age 23, Stephanie R. Egerton, Age 24, Leslie H. Hudson, Age 20, Tawana Marshall, Age 26, Daniel F. Passarelli, Age 21, David J. Piro, Age 23, Byron L. Smith, Age 21, Sharon E. Smith, Age 24, Daniel W. Staten, Age 21, Richard D. Trower, Age 22, and Jimmy S. Ulitz, Age 24, are all residents of Plainfield and were appointed from a Municipal Civil Service Certification List.

The other two Candidates, Nicholas S. Valenti, Age 34, of North Plainfield, NJ, and Robert Alexander, Age 28, of Linden, NJ, were reappointed from a previous Union County Civil Service Certification List.

Eight of the newly appointed Candidates will attend the Union County Police Academy for eighteen weeks of basic police training which begins on August 20, 1990. Four other Candidates will attend the Somerset County Police Academy for eighteen weeks of basic training which begins on August 27, 1990. One candidate, Nicholas Valenti, had previously graduated from the Union County Police Academy.

Upon graduation from the

A true million dollar smile



David O'Bryant (right) displays his winnings announced to him by Charles S. Dawson, acting executive director of the Lottery.

David O'Bryant of Newark won the top prize of \$1 million, payable over 20 years, in the New Jersey Lottery Pick-6 Lotto Bonus Million Grand Prize Drawing held at the New Jersey State Fair at Garden State Park in Cherry Hill on August 8.

According to acting Lottery

will receive their permanent assignments.

Family members, friends of the Candidates, and members of the Press were invited to attend the Swearing-In Ceremony.

Executive Director Charles S. Dawson, O'Bryant was among 300 finalists for the drawing. The finalists represented all 21 counties and seven other states.

The August 8 drawing awarded 14 additional prizes, all in cash, totaling \$220,000.



Summer Cool: keeping out the last rays of summer

Photo by Ray Bailey

James applauds Freeholders' "bold move"

Newark Mayor Sharpe James, in a letter to Essex County Freeholder President Joseph C. Parlevacchio, congratulated the legislative body on their "bold and courageous move" in eliminating \$15.5 million from the county's 1990 spending plan.

"You and the entire Board of Chosen Freeholders are to be congratulated for having the courage to hold the line on County taxes," said James in his letter. "I am indeed happy to see that the board was able to eliminate this increase so that Newark and other Essex municipalities

will not have to dramatically increase property taxes.

"Throughout my administration I have said that we must have cooperation and collaboration before we can have a renaissance in Newark. I have worked hard with members of the county government and other Essex County mayors to avoid a tax increase and I am glad to see that the Board of Chosen Freeholders believes in cooperation as well," James added.

Essex County freeholders were able to eliminate the tax increase.

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New Jerseyans seek to "make a Difference" in Newark cleanup

NEWARK, N.J.—An ad hoc group of New Jersey residents plans to demonstrate its commitment to the local environment through a morning cleanup project in Newark. The cleanup is scheduled on Saturday, August 18, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at South Broad and Murray Streets.

"It is great to see both residents and non-residents joining together for this cleanup effort," said Newark Mayor Sharpe James. "I think it reflects the public's growing pride in New Jersey's largest city."

James said that the city's Department of Sanitation will be providing roll-off dumpsters and hauling litter collected during the cleanup. He added that all recyclable bottles, cans and newspapers picked up on August 18 will be turned in to the Newark Office of Recycling.

The public is invited to join the cleanup, which will be held four blocks south of Newark Symphony Hall, rain or shine.

Participants are asked to bring gloves, wear appropriate work clothing, and take along lunch for

a picnic at the conclusion of the project.

For more information on the

cleanup, contact Bill Markowitz at 201-583-0085 or Paul Rosenbaum at 201-658-2125.

UCC President Thomas Brown discusses college's goals for year

CRANFORD — Under the leadership of its new president, Dr. Thomas H. Brown, Union County College anticipates opening its Fall Semester on September 5 with a near record enrollment approaching 10,000 students and with an "extremely tight" budget.

Dr. Brown began his new duties as president on July 9. He has been vice president for instruction at Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica, N.Y.

According to Dr. John R. Farrell, Jr., associate vice president for administrative services, the College anticipates major in-

creases in enrollment in the Institute for Intensive English, a program of English for speakers of other languages, the dental hygiene program, and in the Cooperative Program in Professional Nursing conducted jointly with the Schools of Nursing of Elizabeth General Medical Center and Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Dr. Farrell also attributed the projected enrollment increase to a combination of improved recruitment efforts, targeting selected college population audiences, and better follow-up on applicants and current students.

"We provide assistance for students who need help in re-orienting, which helps tremendously," said Dr. Farrell. "It's an effective outreach effort."

In addition to the nearly 10,000 students in courses leading to an Associate Degree, the College anticipates registering more than 5,000 students in its continuing education program, which includes operation of the Employment Skills Center in Elizabeth, a program of job training and basic skills instruction for the unemployed and underemployed and of the Industry

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CITY PEOPLE



Mayors attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Chicago, Illinois. Left to right are: Mayor Robert L. Brown, Orange, N.J., Mayor Wilson Good, Philadelphia, PA., and Mayor Cardell Cooper, East Orange, N.J.

Community Calendar

Saturday August 18

SCOTCH PLAINS—It's that time again. The annual Jerseyland Park Community Center Picnic will be held from 11 a.m. until on the grounds at 783 Jerusalem Road. Ribs, Fish, Chicken and more. Come out, have a good time, meet your old friends and make some new ones and just enjoy. Rain or Shine.

Wednesday, August 29

SPRINGFIELD—Union County Summer Arts Festival, De Wop Night, Echo Lake Park. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free. For information call 527-4900.

Monday, August 20

The Players' Company will hold its annual meeting Monday, August 20, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. at Architects' Housing, 215 East Front Street, Trenton, NJ. Included on the agenda will be the election of officers of the board for terms from the next year beginning August 20, 1990; presentation of candidates for the board and the appointment of new

trustees; and, the reappointment of trustees for a new term.

Saturday, September 15

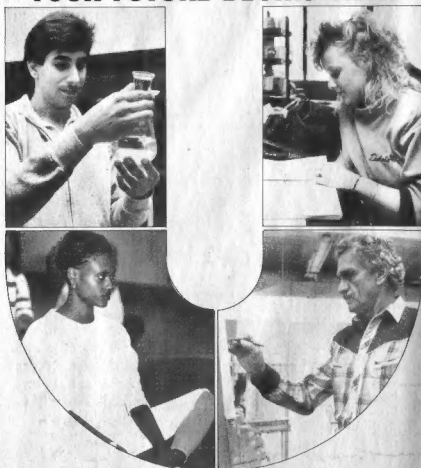
The Second annual JFK Hartwyck at Oak Tree Flea Market and Fair will provide games, prizes, refreshments and free blood pressure screenings and will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Individuals who wish to sell crafts, baked goods, handwork or other items or who would like to volunteer to help at the event should contact Kathy Lamia at 201-906-2100.

Wed-Sunday, Sept. 19-23

The Eighth Annual New Jersey Black Issues Convention will be held at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel. NJ BIC will bring together leaders from civil rights, government and religious institutions to deliver major statements on issues of concern to the African-American community. Many statewide leaders, both black and white will lend their expertise in a series of workshops that address key issues. For more information call 201-824-7463.

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority awards \$8,500 in scholarships



Natasha Durant

The Theta Phi Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Plainfield awarded \$8,500 in scholarships to area high school graduates. Five Plainfield seniors were among nine winners for 1990.

Fluker: employee of year

Transportation Commissioner Tom Downs has named Michelle Fluker of Newark one of the 11 "1989 Departmental Employees of the Year".

Downs presented Fluker with an inscribed plaque at a special ceremony at the Department's Ewing headquarters last month.

"These awards are just one way of recognizing the special qualities of public employees," Downs said. He added that the group's "unique efforts are truly valued."

Fluker is a senior clerk typist in Construction & Maintenance. Her award cites her "exceptional ability, dedication and continuing drive during a period of staffing shortages."



Sharoya Miles

Top award winner Sharoya Miles, Plainfield High School received \$1,500. Miss Miles will attend Douglass College this fall to study Math Education. Her plans are to return to Plainfield and teach in the public school system.

Margarita Francois and Natasha Durant both from Plainfield High School each received \$1,000.00. Miss Francois will attend Howard University to study Zoology. Miss Durant who was also crowned Miss Barbados 1990, will major in Communications at Trenton State College.

Eva Hayden, Plainfield High School and Nausha Munson, Union Catholic High School each received \$500.00 awards. Miss Hayden will major in Pharmacy at Rutgers Pharmacy and Miss Munson will attend Virginia Commonwealth as a Business Administration major.



Margarita Francois

Theta Phi Omega Chapter awards scholarships annually to high school students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement. Funds are raised by



Natasha Munson

the chapter's annual Fashion Show-Luncheon which celebrates its 13th year this fall on Saturday, October 6, 1990 at the Pines Manor, Rt. 27, Edison. Tickets are available.

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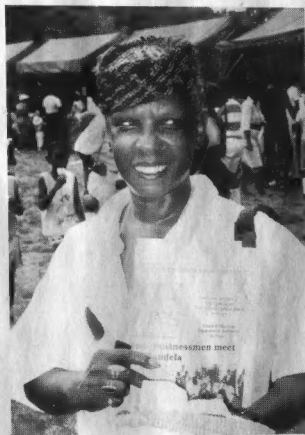
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Can press "Do the right thing?"

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in the decision-making process, I would have argued that it was irresponsible for the paper to run—as its first account by a rape victim; in fact, the first such account ever to appear in an Iowa newspaper—a story that is admittedly unrepresentative.

The newspaper's editor, Geneva Overholser, had appealed to rape victims to identify themselves and tell their story to increase public awareness and understanding of the brutality of the crime. In a column explaining the first such account to be published, Ms. Overholser noted that the case "unhappily perpetuates a stereotype that is utterly contrary to fact. Only 4 percent of rapes nationwide involve a black man and a white woman."

Writes Ms. Moore, an assistant professor of journalism at Temple University, "Frustration and polarization around racial issues in media coverage have triggered media boycotts and protests across the country" because of "the belief that the media portray members of minority groups unfairly, in persistently negative and stereotypical ways."

"To cover communities that are increasingly diverse, journalists are going to have to bring to the story a knowledge of and sensitivity to different kinds of people and cultures," she says. "It is no longer acceptable to work from a limited personal perspective and yet claim to be objective."

Fighting in an article called "Fighting Words, Hurting Words," Jerry Gerard, reporter for The New York Times, analyzes incidents in which racially and sexually insensitive remarks by prominent media figures—Andy Rooney and Jimmy Breslin among them—have brought about a call for censorship often by the very groups that fight against suppression of First Amendment rights. "Free speech is not as absolute a right as First Amendment purists would like," writes Mr. Gerard. "But the lesson learned by everyone concerned with free speech issues is that the difference between the two is illusory: the burning words of one generation have a way of becoming the fighting words of

the next."

Assessing the media's role in heightening racial tension during the recent trials in the Bensonhurst slaying case, freelance reporter Andy Court asks in "What Is the Right Thing?" "Given the fairest reporting may aggravate race relations simply because of the nature of the story being told. How then can journalists know where they are crossing the line between covering racial strife and inciting it?"

Television crews were attacked by demonstrators after one of the Bensonhurst juries came in with an acquittal. "The media are easy scapegoats," says Mr. Court. "Yet the really frightening prospect is that some day newspaper people may be attacked for a more rational reason: because people will believe that the press is not interested in understanding them, only in exploiting their problems to boost circulation or ratings."

Wage Squeeze Underplayed, Deficit Overplayed, Says CJR

In "Covering the Economy in the Nervous 90's," a look at economic coverage in the past decade and how it will affect stories in this one, Columbia Journalism Review reports that while the scores on incomes of America's middle class was the most underplayed economic story of the decade, the U.S. budget deficit was the most overplayed.

Jeff Faux, president of the Economic Policy Institute in Washington, D.C., offers "seismic readings of economic movements that may include into the headlines of the 1990s." The squeeze on incomes, "the most underplayed story of the 1980's," will command press attention as today's two (and even three-) career families come to rely on the government for services—child care, housing, education, health care—they can no longer afford. "The two-career family has not been overlooked by the press, but to a large extent it has been treated as a cultural phenomenon related to women's liberation and overachieving yuppies."

He says that one reason the press "has by and large neglected the story of income stagnation" is

that "business writers tend to spend time with corporate managers and economists who see wages as costs to cut, not as incomes to raise. Many major newspapers no longer even have a labor reporter."

Another reason, he says, is that reporters react to statistics. "Reporters take their cue for which numbers are important from the source—in most cases the U.S. government," he notes. "The unemployment rate routinely gets a headline or a mention on the evening news," but "the statistics on real wages, released without fanfare, rarely get highlighted, even though it is likely that the roughly 95 percent of the work force who are employed would be more interested

in the behavior of their salaries than in the number of people who are out of work."

The U.S. budget deficit, he says, "was clearly the most overplayed economic story of the eighties." The deficit was supposed to cause inflation and promote recession, yet, Mr. Faux writes, "we are still experiencing the longest peacetime recovery in modern history, and inflation has not been a problem." But, he warns, the focus on the deficit has insulated the high-interest-rate policies of the Federal Reserve Board from criticism, and "there is a good chance that the 1990's will see rising interest rates" and a "return to old fashioned banker-bashing."

Lipman, Cooper participate in Seton Hall banquet

The Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental plus program (PMPDPP) held its End of the Summer Banquet on Wednesday, August 8, 1990, 6-8 p.m., in the Twain Room, Student Center, located on the campus of Seton Hall University.

The PMPDPP, in its tenth year of operation, is an Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) program designed to assist minority students interested in careers in medicine, dentistry and biomedical research to meet the demands of higher education.

"The PMPDPP evolved in response to minority interest groups who demanded more educational opportunities for intelligent minorities who are economically disadvantaged. The program has helped to diminish the dearth of minorities in hospitals and health

facilities," stated Al Bundy, Director of the program.

Every summer, incoming freshmen participate in an intensive seven-week enrichment program that includes academic classes, study groups, individual and group counseling, tutorial assistance and formal evaluation session. During the summer of 1990, twelve high school seniors from throughout New Jersey were involved in the program.

The Banquet, featured a presentation by keynote speaker, Mayor Cardell Cooper, City of East Orange. Senator Wynona Lipman demonstrated her support of the program by donating a \$200 book scholarship to Latane Bradley from Camden.

For further information about the PMPDPP, call 761-9948.

Freeholders' bold move

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crease because the State of New Jersey has pledged to pay the county \$6.7 million owed to the county since 1989.

Newark Business Administrator Richard Monteith joined Mayor James held a meeting in his office during the latter part of July, where he and Essex County officials and mayors agreed that the state must come up with the money owed to the county so that the burden on Essex County cities and towns would be reduced.

Following the meeting, James said: "We've now pledged a cooperative effort to stabilize and reduce the budget."

This translates into a tax increase of \$1.55 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Had there been a tax increase, it would have cost the City of Newark \$5.6 million, he said.

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Numbers fall short

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low welfare agencies, Immigration and Naturalization Service, courts, police, or the military to obtain information showing how census questionnaires were answered. The United States Supreme Court has ruled that individual's answers are absolutely confidential for 72 years—until the year 2062.

The census count is completed for the City of Plainfield, however there will be a residual field follow-up, which will check on housing coverage. In September the city will perform a "post-census local review" to check on the numbers received from the Census Bureau. In post-census local review, two percent of all housing units within a governmental unit territory and at least one block within the City is field reviewed. "Were You Counted?" questionnaire forms are still being received from individuals who have not yet been counted. Any resident who has received this form through the mail should send the "Were you counted?" Form to The District Office c/o Mr. Loreta Widdows, 240 Sheffield Ave., Mountainside, N.J. 07092.



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On The Money

A Jury Finds Chicago Businessman Noah Robinson Guilty: Chicago businessman Noah Robinson, was recently found guilty of fraud bankruptcy fraud, tax evasion and other charges with regards to a scam \$650,000 from several Wendy's franchises that he owned. Though, he was found not guilty on two tax charges, Robinson faces up to 100 years in prison stemming from these charges, with still more trials to come on murder conspiracy and drug charges. Assistant U.S. attorney contended that Robinson, 48, who has gotten more press as the half-brother of Rev. Jesse Jackson, skimmed profits by having the cash registers shut down during morning hours. U.S. attorney Jeffrey Stone charged that the fraud, lasting over a period of five years, was "a classic case of scheming, skimming and swindling." Robinson, indicted last year, posted revenues totaling \$17 million just one year prior. This, a combination of sales for Precision Contractors, a construction firm he owns, as well as Wendy's of Chicago—a fast-food operation, inclusive of his six franchises. During the trial, Robinson denied any wrong doing, instead blaming inconsistent tax returns, bank statements and bankruptcy reports on carelessness by his accountants and bookkeepers.

Black Women Get Short End Of Stick From Corporate America: A recent Wall Street Journal report cited black women as making little headway with regards to breaking into the management ranks of white corporate America. Clearly, the two biggest hurdles were racism and sexism. Fact is while black women accounted for 10% of the work force in 1988, just 2% held management roles in companies with 100 employees or more. Of course, black men didn't fare that much better, accounting for a mere 2%. White women totaled 23%. That's demonstrated in the latest available data from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Often referred to as "twofers," in that they meet both equal opportunity employment obligations (that for women and that of black-two for one). They generally bypassed for promotions and relegated to staff positions. On the bright side, analysts are suggesting that the trend in the 90's is towards promoting multiculturalism in the work force. This due in part to the fact that there are more black women entering the labor force. It is also believed that the changing composition of the labor force will prompt many companies to promote black women into management positions.

Blacks Missing Out On Culturally & Financially Rewarding Word of Science: While nearly 9,600 Americans earned Ph.D.'s in the natural sciences and engineering in 1989, just 133 of them were black. This alarming disparity has led experts like Dr. Walter Massey, a nationally prominent physicist, who is vice-president at the University of Chicago, to help promote programs that will increase interest in the field for minority students. "Those numbers reflect a cultural catastrophe," Massey says. Records show that no other minority group produced as small a proportion of science and engineering doctorates. However, fact is, the number of doctorates awarded blacks in all fields has dropped from 1,116 in 1977 to 813 in 1989. The bottom line is while it is not only a financially rewarding field, the more disturbing fact is that while some of the more exciting events in the world today are happening in science, blacks are all but absent. In Short: Levi Strauss & Company is hoping for "no better rewarder" in its latest ad campaign targeting the younger set—ages 12-24, and featuring Spike Lee as director. Levi's is plunking \$20 million into the campaign, which will be a collaboration between their advertising firm and Spike Lee's "40 Acres & A Mule Filmworks." The agency selected Spike Lee (who will not be seen in the spots) after research revealed that the younger generation admired Lee for "doing his way."

COMMENTARY

Editorial

Will the new plan really be effective?

In last week's issue of City News, we ran a story that outlined Education Commissioner John Ellis' plan to improve urban districts. "The children in our cities deserve an effective education," Ellis said, "and the taxpayers of our state deserve a solid return on their investment. We are going to make sure both groups get what they want."

Ellis went on to say, "I will approve no plan that does not contain programs that have been proven effective in increasing student learning."

The key phrases in the Commissioner's statements are "effective education" and "proven effective in increasing student learning." These phrases obviously will gain more meaning when the Commissioner operationally defines them for the public.

What is "an effective education" for students in urban schools?

The traditional approach has been to focus on remediation and problem students while ignoring the average and above student. The effect has been that the systems have slowed to where the very brightest fail to acquire the depth of knowledge needed to obtain the top SAT scores that they are capable of scoring. Furthermore, the difficulty of course work is judged by the quantity of work required rather than quality and depth of content.

The majority of children who attend school everyday, do mundane work assignments, and take every test. However, they are never really confident about their ability to perform against students from other districts.

Programs to build confidence and exposure are reserved for the dropouts, children in trouble with the law, or those who become pregnant or have some other problem.

An effective education is one that encourages learners to want more and provide the options for them to learn as much as they want, without restrictions based on family income or the degree of problems the learners have.

The urban community has been waiting a long time for effective schools that improve children's knowledge and understanding. They have been waiting a long time for educators to propose and plan an educational system that is designed to create intellectual, physical, creative, and social achievement in their children. They have yet to see educators propose models of education, for systems that are 80 to 90 percent black and Hispanic, which create pride and stimulate achievement.

City News, after an exclusive interview with Commissioner John Ellis, will run a series, "The Plan—Effective Schools for Urban New Jersey" in upcoming issues. We encourage the entire community to read each issue and let us know your opinion.

Quote of the Week

I have only just a minute. Only sixty seconds in it. Forced upon me—can't refuse it. Didn't seek it, didn't choose it. But it's up to me to use it. I must suffer if I lose it. Give account if I abuse it. Just a tiny little minute—But eternity is in it.

Benjamin E. Mays

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As I See It...

Commentary by
Connie Woodruff

For those of you who admire true grit in a man or a woman, Governor Jim Florio is a man to watch.

Whether or not you agree with the new taxes he proposes to attack New Jersey's fiscal crisis doesn't matter at this point in time. The Governor has proven there is a budget crunch that impacts on all state residents and the buck stops at his desk. He would probably prefer to ignore the whole mess but by law he's the Governor and mandated to take the leadership for fiscal responsibility.

The majority of New Jersey citizens are ordinary people. We do our part in electing men and women to public office, entrusting them with the responsibility of making laws under which we will live; setting public policy of governance and keeping the ship of state in calm waters.

Most of us only become upset, belligerent and mad when elected officials talk about raising taxes, cutting back on services to which we've grown accustomed or threaten to demolish our pet programs and projects.

By the time we get around to being upset, concerned or even interested in what's happening in our cities, counties, state and national problems, it is already too late. The die has been cast and the decision that inevitably involves all of us is made long before it becomes public.

Where was the media?
by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

It should come as no surprise, that the first major scientific breakthrough on the treatment of AIDS, has come from Africa, the birthplace of humanity. Involuntarily, Gary Byrd, WLB's fantastic communicator, along with Dr. Barbara J. Justice and Minister Oson Brown, just held a series of press conferences at the Apollo Theater which were simultaneously broadcast live, during Inprogram Gary Byrd's radio talk show, "The Black Experience."

The community, along with journalists from every media outlet who were invited to attend, were given the opportunity to receive information and documentation, as well as first hand reports on the scientific breakthrough through which has been pioneered by Kenyan doctors and researchers. The fact that major media has failed to give this story the attention it deserves, in light of the AIDS medical crisis in this country, speaks to the level of institutionalized racism which exists in the communication industry and medical institutions in this country.

"I can think of few tax changes that would be more damaging to our economy," Rinaldo said. "The last thing that this Congress should consider is reducing the deficit at the expense of middle class homeowners."

The budget summit has spawned a host of rumored tax changes, including speculation that the mortgage interest deduc-

tion will be changed." Rinaldo informed Congress. "I may well be the one of those participating in the budget summit have no intention of recommending such a tax change, but this House should make it very clear that it would reject such a move."

Changing the mortgage interest deduction would mainly hurt middle class families whose major investment is their home. "I am very disturbed that most of the proposed tax increases are aimed at families and the middle class," he said. "Families are the foundation of our society, and should not be hurt out of existence."

Rinaldo remains opposed to direct action with elected officials closer to home. Those who serve as mayors, council people and county elected officials.

As an Italian-American son of working class parents, Jim Florio has lived with the pride, prejudice and borderline poverty of American not to the manor born.

His heritage makes him instinctively leery of anything that sounds like a new tax burden and his long political career has proven that a tax increase on any level is a definite no-no.

The Governor has probably heard all the threats we have heard "hang him" to recall the governor both from those who did and did not vote for him.

Mr. Florio is a smart man and one who appears to be very sensitive to the voters mood changes as well as any attack on his character and personality.

The present climate and reported loss of confidence in his administration so early in the game has to affect him. But he has taken the high road, dodged the many barbs and remained steadfast by his decision on the best way to address New Jersey's major problem.

In fact, the governor has been almost stoic in the face of the bitter recriminations and accusations that he has reneged on his campaign promise not to raise taxes.

Voters may continue to vent their anger, voice disappointment and doubt their ability to withstand the proposed tax increases, but they ought to be flexible enough to give Jim Florio an "E" for effort.

This week, he decided to take another unprecedented step when he took his case directly to the people via a televised "fireside chat" that President Roosevelt introduced via radio in an effort to soothe the savage beast of public opinion.

The verdict on the governor as a result of this move is still out. However, while we lambast Governor

Florio, taxpayers can take direct action with elected officials closer to home. Those who serve as mayors, council people and county elected officials.

Voters can and should demand that these elected officials as well as the governor and state legislators spend our tax dollars more prudently.

The featherbedding practices of local officials often put the state to shame when it comes to an unequal distribution of tax dollars. Governor Florio has taken a cut in pay because of the dire fiscal crisis. But no mayor or council member we've heard of, has followed suit.

Cities are hurting fiscally, yet public officials find convenient excuses to ask for an increase in their pay, coupled with money for aides, secretaries, pension funds and trips to exotic places in the U.S. and abroad.

Many local elected officials have second jobs that often demand as much time and attention as their city duties. Still others hire family members as aides and secretaries or intervene for the family member to be appointed to the office of the elected official or political supporter or "friend."

While many of the constituents find welfare as their only recourse to chronic unemployment or older folks are restricted to a limited income, Mr. or Ms. Public Official's family enjoys lucrative paydays and fringe benefits moving to thousands of additional dollars not to mention the free trips supplied by harried tax payers.

It doesn't take a freshman elected official to learn about the " perks" power and prestige can produce; nor does it take the average sincere public official long to find out how to beat the sys-

tem. We must now make sure that this tendency to discount discoveries and inventions unless white people can get credit for it, does not stand in the way of getting help in the increasing number of people who are dying from AIDS. If there are any doubts about the validity of the discovery, then scientists should work together to investigate the findings and observations. To just ignore this important medical breakthrough, is inexcusable.

"It must be borne in mind that the first lesson in the Humanities is to make a people aware of their contribution to civilization; and the second lesson is to learn from other civilizations. By this dissemination of the truth about the civilization of individual peoples, a better understanding among men, and a proper appraisal of each other should follow. Consequently, the book is an attempt to show that the true authors of Greek philosophy were not the Greeks; but the people of North Africa, commonly called the Egyptians; and the praise and honor falsely given to the Greeks for centuries belong to the people of North Africa, and therefore to the African Continent. Consequently this theft of the African legacy by the Greeks led to the erroneous world opinion that the African Continent has made no contribution to civilization and that its people are naturally backward. This is its true representation that has become the basis of race prejudice, which has affected all people of color."

The pity is that too many of the people who stumble into public office find it difficult to earn an equitable living by the sweat of their brow. Some get in the business of politics to enhance success in their chosen profession; some because they lack good income producing skills in the workplace and many because they happen to be the right person at the right place at the right time.

And then we have the new breed "political consultant" who become king makers if a candidate has all of the above plus a gift of gab and charisma along with an uncanny power of persuasion.

The rest is academic. It doesn't take much to convince an office holder he or she must perpetuate themselves in office and have the determination and will to fight to the death to maintain a position of power and prestige.

Politics is a peculiar business, sometimes accelerating mistrust rather than trust and as we have seen too often, if unbridled, the lust for the power of the office can corrupt the most reputable, sincere man and woman elected to office with the best intentions to be a good "public servant."

With all the wheeler and dealing among politicians, it is not unusual for the average elected official's family to end up with a yearly income above \$80,000 and closer to \$150,000 by the time all of the salaries are factored into the annual take plus such goodies as free meals, hospitalization, pension, trips (where business and pleasure are intermingled) cars (used for other than official business) and other assorted goodies.

That is why the unprecedented action taken by Mayor

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You should send letters to the editors, publishers and producers of newspapers and programs, demanding that reporters are assigned to investigate this story. If your doctor doesn't know about it, inform him or her about it. Request that they contact Inprogram Gary Byrd, Dr. Barbara Justice, and Dr. David Koehn, for additional information and material. Demand that this important news story receive the attention it deserves! Lives depend on it.

Finally, we need to thank radio station WLB for extending the support to Brother Gary Byrd, which enabled him to move forward in going to Kenya, researching the facts and bringing back this important breakthrough to the "family." The true spirit of HARAMBEE LET'S ALL PULL TOGETHER! quite evident, as we share the joy and pride of the continued accomplishments made by our brothers and sisters to all mankind.

It is also time for Congress to allow money saved in Individual Retirement Accounts to be used for a down payment on housing. Rinaldo said. Young families who want to buy a first home will have to come up with even higher down payments because of new restrictions imposed by housing lenders and higher home prices.

"IRAs have proven to be a safe and effective way to encourage and assist families who want to save. I strongly support broadening the use of IRAs to include housing down payments," Rinaldo said in remarks to his House colleagues.

Rinaldo: give homeowners a break

WASHINGTON, DC—Pledging to fight any changes in the mortgage interest tax deduction, Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldo (R-NJ) told the House of Representatives before its August recess that Congress should preserve this tax break for home-owning families at all costs.

"I can think of few tax changes that would be more damaging to our economy," Rinaldo said. "The last thing that this Congress should consider is reducing the deficit at the expense of middle class homeowners."

The budget summit has spawned a host of rumored tax changes, including speculation that the mortgage interest deduc-

tion will be changed. "I can find a large number of federal programs that are either unnecessary or duplicate other efforts. The Grace Commission identified dozens of these a few years ago, and many of its recommendations still have not been implemented."

Instead of this frenzy to raise taxes, Rinaldo said that Congress should be systematically reviewing each and every federal program and deciding which should be funded. "We simply cannot afford to be a government that does everything for everyone. Just like a family, Congress needs to develop priorities and live within a budget," he stated.

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Professional musicians
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Professional Musicians to Save the Children a non-profit organization, is sponsoring a day of social awareness, culture and arts.

P.M.S.C.'s Family Day/Save the Children is scheduled for August 25, 1990. Various internationally known performing artists are donating their time and talents for this day dedicated to urban youth of all ages in Essex County. The United Community

Corporation, in conjunction with P.M.S.C., has dedicated this day to children.

Among of the artists scheduled to perform in Newark's West Side Park on August 25th are CoCo Rogers ("Sonnyday"), Adeva ("Respect"), Def Con Four ("Say U Love Me"), Savion Glover ("Black & Blue"), Chanelle ("One Man"), Vicki Martin ("Not Gonna Do It"), K-YZE ("Stomp") and others.



Contemporary Christian artist Joy! of Plainfield will be appearing in concert with the award-winning Christian singing group the Imperials, at the Music Expo East Christian Musicians Conference in the Poconos on Monday, August 20th. For ticket information call 1-800-272-3424.

Improve your business writing skills at WPC

A workshop for members of the northern New Jersey business community who want to improve their writing skills will be held on September 14 at William Paterson College in Wayne.

Designed for managers, executives, consultants, secretaries, teachers—anyone who writes memos, letters, reports or other standard business communications—"Grammar for Business Writing"

will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Telemedia Center, a state-of-the-art computer facility located in WPC's Hobart Hall. The course will be open for noncredit or 6 CEUs at a fee of \$95, which includes lunch.

Workshop leaders Dr. Diana Peck and Dr. Tina Lesher will discuss examples of good and bad business writing and guide participants through the process of

writing and editing their own business documents. Emphasis will be placed on the use of grammatical techniques to improve clarity, precision and expressiveness in writing.

Peck, an associate professor and former chair of the Department of Communication at WPC, is the author of numerous articles on new communication technologies. Lesher, an assistant profes-

sor of print journalism, has taught business and technical writing and served as a writing consultant for several New Jersey firms.

"Grammar for Business Writing" is sponsored by WPC's

Department of Communications, School of the Arts & Communications and Center for Continuing Education. For additional information, contact the Center for Continuing Education, (201) 595-2436.

Stevens' essay competition for scholarships

HOBOKEN, N.J.—By answering the question "What is the biggest problem facing the United States and how will you use your college degree to solve it?" Up to three high school seniors could win four-year, full-tuition scholarships to Stevens Institute of Technology.

Answers for America, the third annual essay competition at Stevens, is open to high school seniors throughout the country. Students must submit original essays of up to 2,500 words defining the greatest challenge to our nation and then demonstrating how their intended major or area of study will equip them to meet that challenge.

Winners of last year's compe-

tition plan to enroll as freshmen for the 1990-91 academic year at Stevens. They are Tina Bansal, of Bath, N.Y., and Nigel Hyatt, of Elizabeth, N.J. Partial scholarships were also awarded to runners-up David Belson, of Westbury, N.Y., and Neha Parikh of Paramus, N.Y.

Students must submit typed, double-spaced entries postmarked no later than Feb. 1, 1991. Winners will be announced a month later. Providing they meet Stevens' admissions requirements, they will have until April 1 to accept the scholarship. The competition is open to U.S. citizens and resident aliens.

The essay contest encourages high school students to exercise the type of creative problem solving vital to the nation's future," said Stevens President Harold J. Ravache. "At Stevens students refine their problem-solving skills through a rigorous, multi-faceted curriculum em-

bracing basic and applied sciences and the humanities."

Entry forms and information about the essay contest can be obtained by calling Maureen Weatherall, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, at 201-458-LEAD (201-458-5323) or 201-420-5194.

Established in 1870, Stevens offers baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees in engineering, science, computer science, and management, and a baccalaureate degree in the humanities. The college has a total enrollment of about 1,400 undergraduate students and about 2,300 graduate students.

Let us know what's happening in your religious communities. Send to: City News, PO Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07061

Brown discusses college's goals for year

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Business Institute, a program of customized training and education for Union County area businesses and industries.

The College also will launch this fall Project STARS with Mountbarn Regional Medical Center, which will provide educational services for hospital personnel in a wide variety of disciplines. Project STARS is designed to attract, retain and upgrade hospital employees.

The 1990-91 budget adopted by the Board of Trustees in June is \$13.9 million less than the preliminary budget approved last November, resulting primarily from a decrease in state aid of nearly \$1 million. The budget adopted in June provides for the elimination of six faculty and staff positions, elimination of intercollegiate athletic teams in women's soccer, cross country, and men's and women's tennis, a reduction in faculty advising and a reduction in the hours of the Academic Learning Centers.

During the 1990-91 academic year, the College expects to complete construction of its \$6.8 million Student Center on the Cran-

ford Campus, which will provide a large student commons, student and faculty dining rooms and kitchen, and a new book store.

The College's Elizabeth Campus will continue to operate in facilities leased from Thomas & Betts, 10 Butler Street, Elizabeth, until asbestos abatement and renovations are completed to the Lesser Building (formerly the headquarters building of the Elizabethtown Gas Company) at One Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth.

The College will introduce this fall a Certificate of Proficiency program in American Sign Language Studies as an offshoot of its Interpreters for the Deaf program. This certificate curriculum enables college graduates who work in human services areas dealing with the deaf to develop ASL proficiency without going through the rigors of a full, associate degree program in interpreters for the Deaf. A new Information Processing option to the Office Systems Technology program will provide skills and administrative assistant positions from the traditional secretarial position.

With the start of the Fall Semester, the College also inaugurates a "no smoking" policy in all buildings on the Cranford, Elizabeth and Scotch Plains Campuses and the Plainfield Center. A "no smoking" policy has been in force for several years at the Elizabeth Campus, but smoking had been permitted in designated areas at the Cranford and Scotch Plains Campuses and the Plainfield Center. The "no smoking" policy was recommended by the Student Government Association and the Student-Faculty Committee.

With the start of the Fall Semester, the College also will begin implementing its new Master Plan for 1990-1995, which is designed "to meet the needs of a changing student body" and "to meet the needs of Union County's changing workforce."

To meet the need of a changing student body, the Master Plan proposes actions in faculty/staff development, urban initiatives, recruitment/retention/articulation, basic and developmental studies, program and course review and development, and learning resources and student support services, and to meet the needs of Union County's changing workforce, the College proposes actions in workforce development, lifelong learning, and community education/community services.

To expand and enhance undergraduate education, the Master Plan provides for implementing the College's Urban Initiatives by operating a new campus in downtown Elizabeth and continuing to operate a new campus in downtown Plainfield as well as continuing to operate the main campus in Cranford and a branch campus in Scotch Plains.

The Master Plan calls for more intensified efforts to recruit minorities and other non-traditional students, to implement a Student Retention Plan on a priority basis, to develop a Center for Intensive Studies to serve students with low achievement levels in the basic skills, and to expand the Institute for Intensive English, a program for speakers of languages other than English.

An extensive increase in the size and scope of the College's student support services is proposed in the Master Plan "to serve the increasing and more diverse student body."

A major expansion is proposed in the Master Plan for the Industry Business Institute, which provides customized educational and training programs for business and industry, and of the Employment Skills Center, which provides basic skills and jobs training for the unemployed and underemployed. The Master Plan also calls for an expansion of the LIFE (Learning Is For Ever) Center, a broad-based program of educational services for senior citizens, and expanding the branch of the continuing education program and offering these services on all campuses.

As I See It

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William J. Pascelli, Jr. of Paterson is so intriguing.

Mayor Pascelli, who took office on July 1, has lost no time in signing executive orders that impose an ethics code on all city employees. It is one of the strictest in the state and covers "everything from nepotism to contracts to gifts."

Two of the provisions immediately caught our eye. One forbids city employees from using their positions to get a job for a family member and another requires department heads to complete financial disclosures that will be available for public scrutiny.

Although no penalties for violation of the ethics code is specified, the Mayor said it is intended to send a message to city workers "so people know what to expect" and "to create a new sense of credibility."

The mayor also noted he is not aware of any present ethics-related problems in Paterson but that studies have shown such problems are mostly found in rural and suburban governments. He was obviously too polite (because he's also a Democratic state assemblyman) to mention the possibility of such action in some city governments where nepotism often runs rampant.

No mention was made about other city bodies such as the city council, board of education and planning board, but Mayor Pascelli said he has urged them to follow his lead.

Besides the nepotism provision, Paterson employees are prohibited from soliciting, accepting

or agreeing to accept any gift in excess of \$100 per year that is related to their employment without disclosing the gift to the mayor's office.

Employees may not have any financial interest in contracts, jobs, materials, services or profits furnished or performed by any city agency or department.

Department heads, including Mayor Pascelli, must file annual financial disclosure statements that include all sources of income exceeding \$2,000, each source of fees and honoraria having an aggregate amount exceeding \$250 and the names of all business organizations and city properties in which the department head held an interest during the preceding calendar year.

Best of all, the statements will be public records.

Many city officials I know would be reluctant to adopt such a stringent code of ethics. Hiring wives, daughters, sons, aunts, uncles, mothers and fathers, not to mention relatives further down on the family tree, is the norm. Fattening the family coffers seems to automatically go with the turf.

Another privilege of power involves deciding who gets what contracts, honoraria (mostly out of town speaking engagements), and selling fund-raising tickets to companies doing business with the city or county. In fairness, some ticket buying is done on a volunteer basis. But those instances are few and far between.

Like us well. While taxpayers are up in arms over Governor Florio's proposals to get us out of the current tax mess, they should be just as diligent about their local politicians doing the right thing.

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For further information, please call T-Bri Associates at (201) 873-5202.

Miracle drug

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Justice, it was found that treatment using a specific low dose Alpha Interferon was effective in creating dramatic improvement in AIDS patients. Symptoms disappeared in individuals who received the drug - packaged by its trade name, KEMRON. Of more than 1300 victims treated thus far, traces of the virus could no longer be found in 5 to 10% of them.

At a press conference on Friday - July 27, 1990 in Nairobi, Kenya, attended by the New York City African American delegation, Kenya's President - Daniel Arap Moi - spoke very candidly concerning lack of coverage in the world press, and in particular - the African press.

It was reported in the Kenya Times, Tuesday - July 31, 1990, that the western media had shown clearly their anti Kenya stand, by ignoring the launching of Kenya's miracle anti AIDS drug - KEMRON. The drug has been given a media blackout by the western press, even though it has been shown to be effective in the management of the killer disease, which threatens the entire world.

President Daniel Arap Moi said "Such achievement by an African country is never featured in the BBC or the Voice of America, because of their mis-conceived perception of the Con-

tinent". He concluded "The Western media would rather drum up imaginary stories of chaos and civil strife on the Continent, than file a positive story about the country such as the discovery of KEMRON".

This historical finding is too crucial to the world and to our story as Africans, to allow others to lay claim and create their own version of the delegation, Dr. Barbara Justice and Imhotep Gary Byrd.

On Monday - July 23, 1990 - concerned African Americans made their way, in the spirit of Harambee (all pulling together), to Friendship Baptist Church in Brooklyn to add their financial contributions for the mission to the generous donations of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucuses, the Black United Fund - whose president - Kermil Eady, was on hand to personally assist in the fundraising event; and Social Worker/Philanthropist Mrs. Dolores Buck. The Black United Fund, under the direction of Mr. Eady, is the facilitator of funds raised for the on-going Kenyan project and Mr. Eady proudly states "We supported this venture because it's what we're here for".

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CITY LIFE

Crossroads announces 1990-91 Season

NEW BRUNSWICK—Several revisions in Crossroads Theatre Company's 1990-91 season were announced today by Rick Khan, producing artistic director and co-founder of the 12-year-old African American company.

The Talented Tenth, Richard Wesley's drama which was to have opened the season on Sept. 6 has been postponed until the 1991-92 season, Khan said.

This season will open instead on Thursday, Oct. 4, with *The Beautiful LaSalles*, which originally was to have been the season's second production.

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In announcing the scheduling changes, Khan cited the impact of the two-month delay in the announcement of grants by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Originally scheduled for July, the announcement has been postponed until Sept. 18. Last year, funding from the council accounted for 33 percent of Crossroads' \$18 million budget.

"Because the arts council has pushed the announcement of the grants to mid-September and because Crossroads, like most arts organizations in the state, relies on the arts council for significant financial support, it is prudent for us to make the necessary program adjustments," Khan said.

"We are making the scheduling changes to accommodate the delay in the funding announcement while permitting us to maintain the artistic integrity of our productions," he added.

"Also, in order to better accomplish the more extensive technical demands of *The Talented Tenth*, we decided to move that production into the first season of the new building and better serve the play," Khan said.

Crossroads plans to open its 1991-92 season in its new \$3.8 million theater now under construction. The New Brunswick Cultural Center is constructing this new theater on Livingston Avenue.

Crossroads' subscribers will be informed of the changes through a direct mailing. Anyone wishing further information concerning subscriptions or single tickets may contact Garry Johnson, audience development director, at (201) 249-5581.

SCREEN PREMIERES!!!!

By Margo Classe

(For Serra Syndication)

"Two Jakes"

Did you ever wonder what it would take to get Jack Nicholson up off the Laker's bench and back to work? Well, I hope it wasn't his role as director and star of *Two Jakes*, because he might as well have followed the Lakers straight through summer camp.

I have mixed feelings about this movie—a sequel to "Chinatown." I enjoyed *Chinatown*, in which Jack Nicholson received an Academy Award nomination for his portrayal of detective Jake Gittes. And there are some similarities. In "The Two Jakes," I was captivated by the strong acting skills of the characters. The movie has a strong hispanic representation with two dynamic actors in supporting roles. That of the dead lover's wife, Lillian Bodine (Madeline Stowe) who does an exhausting but excellent job as the bereaved widow and (Ruben Blades) Mickey Neve performs well as one of the bad guys. Of course, the two-time academy award winning star (Nicholson) steals the screen.

Still, it was like reading three different mystery books at the same time. The plot was a combination of several subplots, that appeared to be in conflict with each other, while trying to put together its common threads with extremely deliberate and sometimes obvious moves. And while as a sequel "The Two Jakes" makes a strong attempt to stand alone (and is somewhat successful), there were several takes in the movie that make more sense had one seen *Chinatown*.

The film is set during a time of tremendous urban expansion in Southern California. Fact is, one of the more successful aspects of the movie was its attempt to recreate the 40's era. (Nicholson's own hillside home was transformed into the house of Jake Gittes). And although it's been eleven years since the original *Chinatown*, some things never change, including murder and infidelity in marriages.

That, in essence, is what brings together two men named Jake, who unknowingly share more in common than their names. Nicholson continues in his *Chinatown* remarks as well as his skills of finding undeniable evidence to help unhappy marriages dissolve. In other words, he makes his money listening to and tape recording married people having illicit sex.

Jake Berman (Harvey Keitel) is a successful real estate developer, whose wife Kitty (Meg Tilly) is having an affair. Berman hires Nicholson to get proof. All this of course leads to murder. Now begins the mystery of "Two Jakes", and the questions abound. Why did Berman kill his wife's lover? Is Berman a cold-blooded murderer or merely a man who couldn't control his emotions? Why is Gittes' past coming back to haunt him, and just who are the bad guys after him? Well, if you must know the answers to these questions, go see the movie. If not, wait until this one comes to your local video store.

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The Time Is Finally Back: Morris Day, Jimmy Jam, Terry Lewis, Jesse Johnson, Jellybean Johnson, Monty Moyer and Jerome Benion. It was nine years ago, that the Time exploded out of Minneapolis and quickly took the throne as the baddest band in R&B. Then after a few years of hot hits, slamming concerts and an appearance in the movie "Purple Rain", they guys went their separate ways. The inevitable clash of egos exploded when The Time, Prince and Vanity 6 hit the road for the 1999 tour in 1982. Back then, fans and music critics agreed that The Time was blowing Prince away in a lot of cities. Prince retaliated by forcing the band to perform behind a curtain or not at all, in some cases. The last straw supposedly came when while producing the SOS Band, a freak snow storm grounded Jimmy Jam & Terry Lewis in Atlanta and they missed a concert. Prince fired them on the spot. The group went downhill fast. What brought them back together? Pressure from the public and according to Jimmy Jam, missing each other, feeling that the group had been cut off before they reached their peak. The Time will share the screen next month with Prince in his movie "Graffiti Bridge", touted as a follow up to "Purple Rain". Their comeback album, *Pandemonium*, is off to a flying start with the hit single, "Jerk Out" which has set fire to both the R&B and Pop charts. The fellas claim that Prince didn't have anything to do with the album, but the inside story is because he was involved from the beginning.

From the P.P.T. (People, Places & Things) File: After months of keeping its mouth shut, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) the music business lobbying and policy setting body) is finally throwing a live preserver to the embattled 2 Live Crew. The RIAA filed a friend of the court brief in support of the 2 Live Crew as they appeal a federal judge's ruling that their platinum selling album "As Nasty As They Wanna Be" is obscene. The RIAA vows to "support them in their right to sing and express themselves as they deem fit". The RIAA and the music business in general have been getting all of criticism for their slow response in the censorship which hunt of the 2 Live Crew. In their defense the RIAA says their plan all along had been to not get involved on the local level but on appeal and there is a 60 day waiting period before an appeal can be filed. 2 Live Crew's fight has impacted the entire music industry. Capitol Records is offering legal assistance to retailers harassed for selling Capitol products that carry a parental warning sticker, and Virgin records is placing an anti-censorship sticker on all their products starting this month. The red, white and blue stickers bear a silhouette of the statue of liberty with an excerpt from the first amendment. **Facing The Music:** Herbert James Brown, father of Bobby Brown, is facing a rape charge in Australia. Mr. Brown, a 60 year old disabled veteran must answer charges that he invited 12 teenage girls to his hotel room, raped one and physically assaulted the other. He could go to prison for the rest of his life if the court finds him guilty. Incidentally, Bobby put up \$40,000 bail so that his dad could stay out of the slammer during the trial. **From Our Feedback Line...** BBD fans are upset about BBD's skirt chasing attitude in their videos and the way they refer to women as "hos" in their first hit "Poison"...And Babyface has been catching all of heat over the complexion of his videos. Fans want to know why all the women in Babyface's videos are white or mixed. If you have an opinion on this or any of our stories, just call our Feedback Line at (213) 257-2354.

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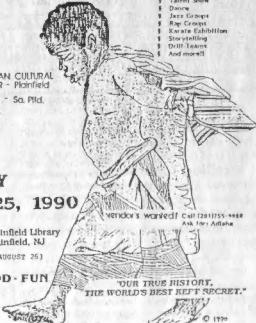
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Creative tension is alive in sports

A VIEW FROM THE SIDELINE

by Fern Taylor
City News Writer



The Shoal Creek controversy. Let the media keep on 'jabbin'! The late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. often spoke of the philosophy of "creative tension." King believed that tension had to be created, through marches and boycotts, to bring high visibility and media focus towards an injustice in order to create an atmosphere, though yet tense and dangerous, by which the injustice could be eradicated.

In today's sports world, creative tension is alive and well. And the best part of it is creative tension '90's style is less tense and less dangerous. Why? Instead of demonstrators getting attacked by dogs, we can now turn things around and "sic" the media on the Shoal Creek establishments of the world. Given just a little incentive (like increased profits) and the media will create all the tension you need to help promote positive change. Examine the Shoal Creek controversy, for instance. You've heard so much about Shoal Creek now that I don't have to tell you that it's a cushy country club in Birmingham, Alabama, that refused to admit African-Americans among its membership until pressure - "creative tension" if you will - forced Shoal Creek to reconsider its discriminatory practices and add an "honorary" black member. (You may call it a "token" gesture, but couldn't most African-Americans who have been firsts be categorized as tokens? At least it's a start). You know all about Shoal Creek because the media has milked this story for every plush yard of green it's worth. Ever since the story broke, have you seen one

daily news paper which did not have a story about Shoal Creek? I sure haven't. The television and radio stations have had a good time exposing Shoal Creek for its racist practices.

The intense media attention is like a Muhammad Ali jab - repetitively stinging the image and, more importantly, the pocketbooks of places like Shoal Creek. And, as a result of Shoal

Creek, the entire issue of African-Americans and golf has come the forefront. You now see follow-up stories about Black golfers, professional and amateur. Donors are giving large sums of money to organization's such as the one African-American pro golfer the development of young African American golfers. With the proper forces from the African community planning the

seeds, the media keeps on jabbing.

It jabbed when there were no African-American head coaches in football. Jabbed until Gene Upshaw was named head coach of the Los Angeles Raiders last year.

It jabbed when Jimmy "the Greek" Snyder talked about Calvin Peete has in Atlanta for

African-American "breeding" in slavery times as a reason for superior athletic feats and about not having the "luxury" to be swimmers. Snyder was fired and an issue submerged in the consciousness of many an American was brought to the forefront. It jabbed at the Major League Baseball establishment until an African-American, Bill White, was named president of the National League. Some

thought the NAACP should have gone ahead with its planned march on Shoal Creek to bring even more attention discrimination at the country club, an injustice that is as old as England itself. While marches are at times still effective, I believe that, in the '90s, concentrated media attention is even more effective. Just let the media keep on jabbing. With our help, they can do the job of a million protest marches.

DeOca and Jones winners in James/Amato Classic

In a thrilling competition with scores of lobs, volleys and dropshots, Daniel Montes de Oca of Uruguay defeated Phil Williamson of Westchester, New York in the Mens' Singles championship match of the second annual, "Mayor Sharpe James/Essex County Executive Nicholas Amato International Tennis Classic," at Branch Brook Park in Newark.

Due to rain, play had to be moved indoors to the West Orange Tennis Club where Montes de Oca captured the second set and the match. The final tally was 6-3, 6-4 in favor of Montes de Oca.

He became the odds-on favorite by upsetting defending champion and top-seed, Nikita Odizor of Nigeria, 6-4, 6-1, in yesterday's semi-finals.

And speaking of upsets, in the Womens' Singles championship match, Lisa Jones of Brooklyn,

New York, beat top seed and defending champ, Lisa Bobby of Montville, New Jersey, 7-5, 6-3.

The Mens' and Womens' Singles winners were each presented with a check for \$5000 and \$2400, respectively, along with a beautiful trophy, at a short ceremony following each championship match.

Mayor James also garnered an award by capturing the 45 Doubles championship, along with Bob Davis, tournament co-coordinator. James and Davis defeated Milton Parker and Jerry Tunison, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

The Mens' Doubles winners were James Hevron and Ronny Rizk. They defeated James Lomicky and, Pete Patten, by a score of 7-6 (3), 7-6 (2). The Womens' Doubles champions were Rayni Borinsky and Holly Danforth. They beat sisters Lisa and Andrea Bobby, 6-2, 6-3.



Tennis champ, Daniel Montes deOca (center), winner of the James/Amato Classic holds the \$5,000 check presented to him. Joining him from left are Rashida Mitchell Turner, tournament hostess; Johnny Sample tournament coordinator; Phil Williamson, de Oca's opponent; Nick Amato, Bob Davis, tournament coordinator, and Larry Hubbard of Bacardi Imports, one of the sponsors of the event.

A buffet dinner is being sponsored by the Plainfield Tower West Social and Sunshine Committee for August 16 in the Community Room of Plainfield Tower West. Tickets are \$5.00. Proceeds will go to "Clear The Corner", a program set up to hire off-duty police officers to patrol certain corners in Plainfield.

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Undefeated cruiser weight, Alfred Cole (Essex county 13-0-6 KO's) throws a crushing blow to the head of Jesse Shelby of Dallas, Texas (16-9-1-12 KO's) to capture a 10 round decision at Caesar's.

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